

## A Message from Pastor Bruce



*So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. (Matthew 6:34)*

I don't believe that God sent this coronavirus as a plague upon our world. Something that causes so much sickness, suffering (including economic) and death is not heaven-sent.

That's bad theology. But I do believe there will be many things we *can* learn from this pandemic. Of course this doesn't necessarily mean we *will* learn them. One of those things may be a better appreciation of the meaning of living one day (and one week) at a time. What else can we do?

We all want to know how long this will last. My 7-year old granddaughter recently said, *I want my normal life back!* We all do. We want to gather again with family and friends, get back to jobs, worship in-person, dine at restaurants, and attend sporting events. We want to have things to look forward to at a time we know we can count on. I know I do. But there is no short-cut through this. There remains a shortage of tests to know who is and who has been infected. There will probably not be a vaccine available for a long time. So much is still being learned about this virus. Drugs for

treatment are still being experimented with. It's being said it may be 12 to 18 months to get through this to a place that is more "normal" once again. Even as the economy is gradually opened up, what exactly will that look like? And if there are future spikes in infection and hospitalization rates, will new stay-at-home directives be implemented? None of us can know and live into the future.

The truth is, there is so much we don't know and can't predict. We can speculate. We can make some educated guesses. We can listen to what experts are learning and telling us. But the only way to get through this is to live one day at a time and one week at a time. Perhaps that's not such a bad thing to learn. Life is a gift. A precious gift. We are given today and we never know about tomorrow.

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)* How can you and I make the most of this day and time we are given? Amidst the anxiety of what's unknown, what joy might God bless us with this day and this week?

– Pastor Bruce

### Call Process Update

The Transition Team presented their final report and OSLC's Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to the Council and Call Committee on Thursday, April 2, in a virtual Zoom meeting. The MSP is now posted on the ELCA website so that all interested ELCA pastoral candidates may view it.

If we could gather in-person now, the Transition Team would hold a congregational forum to present what they learned from their surveys and listening sessions and to share highlights from their final report and MSP. At some point down the road, a written copy of their final report will be available in the church office for the congregation to stop by and read.

The congregation enjoyed a virtual Zoom visit with Bishop Ann Svennungsen on Tues., April 14. She asked questions about OSLC and the MSP. Those who participated asked questions of her.

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## Your Financial Offerings

Thank you to all who have been able to give your regular financial offerings during this time! For some of you, we understand that your job may have been cut-back or eliminated (or you fear it may yet happen) and that this impacts your ability to give at this time. But if this is not your situation, are you possibly able to give beyond your regular offerings to help cover those unable to give now?

Our staff is working hard to continue offering worship, programming, and to do what's needed to administer our church. But in order to retain and compensate the staff, and to pay our benevolence, mortgage, utilities, and other expenses, your gifts are as important as ever.

A big financial concern during this time when we can't physically worship together is the fact that many people do not give at the same level when they're not physically present for worship, even when they have no employment concerns. There are four ways you can give: 1) write a check and send to the office (we still receive mail at the church and deposit checks); 2) go online to our website at [oursavioursclc.org](http://oursavioursclc.org), click on "Giving" and make a one-time or recurring gift; 3) email Kim Fread in the office [kfread@oursavioursclc.org](mailto:kfread@oursavioursclc.org) or call her at 763-434-6117 to sign-up for automated giving; or 4) text "GIVE" to 763-317-0750 and follow the instructions. (It works. I tried it!) Please email or call Kim with questions about any of these options. Thank you for your support! It makes a huge difference!

- Pastor Bruce

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She felt that the top ministry gifts and tasks identified by the Transition Team in the MSP made a lot of sense for what OSLC is looking for in a new senior pastor.

Congregational input from surveys and listening sessions was important in identifying these top gifts and tasks. But thoughtful conversation and discernment on the part of the Transition Team was needed to interpret all the information gleaned from the congregation.

The following emerged as the **Top Five Ministry Tasks** (in no particular order) **needed in your new senior pastor**:

- Administration
  - Preaching/Worship
  - Recruit and Equip Leaders
  - Stewardship
  - Strategic Mission Planning
- (There were 40 tasks to choose from.)

The following emerged as the **Top Five Priority Gifts for Mission**:

- be an effective administrator
- be an effective communicator
- help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry
- work regularly in the development of stewardship growth
- be able to share leadership and work in a team

The following are an additional **Five Very Helpful Gifts**:

- help people develop their spiritual life
- encourage support of the church's wider mission
- deal effectively with conflict
- be creative and innovative about his or her tasks
- be able to use technology and media

There were 25 gifts to choose from.



**THANK YOU to Transition Team: Dave Anderson, Julie Anderson, Steve Berg, Jennifer Cross, Karen Moehring, Sarah McCoy, Dennis Sackreiter, and Mike Voegele - for their outstanding work to complete phase one of OSLC's call process!**

The call process now moves into phase two with the Call Committee who has now begun their work.

**Members of the Call Committee are: Dave Anderson (continuing from Transition Team), Mark Boyum, Tom Costello, Tracey Dalve, Nicole Hendricks, Laura Welciek (Council liaison), Matt Wolff, and Justine Zeik.** They held their first (Zoom) meeting with Pastor John Hulden from the Bishop's office on Monday, April 20. I joined them for this initial meeting as we discussed process, procedure, and timetable.

**Do you know of a pastor you'd like to be considered for OSLC?** Please submit to the Call Committee by Sun., May 10 the following information: your name and contact info, pastor's name, name of congregation or organization they currently serve and address/city/state, how you know them, and why you think they'd be a good fit for OSLC. Please email to Matt Wolff, [matt.wolff270@gmail.com](mailto:matt.wolff270@gmail.com) or mail to church, **Attn: Matt Wolff.**

John Hulden will meet with the Call Committee by May 20 to give them a list of approximately six candidates whom the Bishop's office believes would be a good match for OSLC. The Call Committee will then set-up interviews. Please pray for the Call Committee, the process, and that the Holy Spirit will guide the pastor to OSLC who will be the best fit for your new chapter!

- Pastor Bruce

## Virtual Happenings

### Where to find event details:

- The website, [oursavioursslc.org](https://oursavioursslc.org) & [oursavioursslc.org/connecting-with-you](https://oursavioursslc.org/connecting-with-you)
- Facebook page, [facebook.com/OurSavioursLutheranChurch](https://facebook.com/OurSavioursLutheranChurch)
- Online calendar, [mychurchevents.com/calendar/57810777](https://mychurchevents.com/calendar/57810777)

### The following is a typical week's schedule:

#### Sunday

- KidShine | 9:45 a.m. on Facebook Live  
Sunday school lesson videos and activity pages are available each week— find details at [oursavioursslc.org/home-activities](https://oursavioursslc.org/home-activities)
- Worship | 10:00 a.m., musical prelude begins at 9:55  
Blended worship with organ and band on Facebook Live
- Youth Devotions w/Leisha | 1:30-2:30 p.m., on zoom.com  
Find details at [oursavioursslc.org/at-home](https://oursavioursslc.org/at-home)

#### Monday

- Devotions w/Glenndy | 9:00 a.m., on Facebook Live
- Hymn sing w/Jennifer | 5:00 p.m., on Facebook Live
- Bible Study *Acts: Catching Up With the Spirit*, 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Find details at [oursavioursslc.org/bible-study-and-education/#Evening](https://oursavioursslc.org/bible-study-and-education/#Evening)

#### Tuesday

- Devotions w/Leisha | 9:00 a.m., on Facebook Live
- OSLC Kids, 10:00 a.m., on Facebook Live

#### Wednesday

- Devotions w/Maria | 9:00 a.m., on Facebook Live
- Confirmation, 6:00-6:40 p.m., on zoom.com (through May 7)  
Find details at [oursavioursslc.org/at-home/#Confirmation](https://oursavioursslc.org/at-home/#Confirmation)
- Revelation Worship | 7:00-7:20 p.m., on Facebook Live (through May 7)
- Youth Group w/Leisha | 7:00-8:00 p.m., on zoom.com (through May 7)  
Find details at [oursavioursslc.org/at-home/#Youth](https://oursavioursslc.org/at-home/#Youth)

#### Thursday

- Devotions w/Bruce, 9:00 a.m., on Facebook Live
- Hymn Sing w/Jennifer, 5:00 p.m., on Facebook Live

#### Friday

- Coffee w/Kate | 9:00 a.m., on Facebook Live

#### Saturday

- Devotions w/Jennifer | 9:00 a.m., on Facebook Live

#### OSLC Preschool

Our Saviours Preschool still has openings for the 2020-21 school year.

We offer morning classes for ages 3-5, with an extended day option. Please contact Lissa, [lleebens@oursavioursslc.org](mailto:lleebens@oursavioursslc.org) or 763-434-6117 ext. 123, with questions, or to schedule a tour!



#### Divorce Support Group

7:00 p.m., every two weeks on zoom.com— details at [oursavioursslc.org/support-groups/#Divorce](https://oursavioursslc.org/support-groups/#Divorce)

Contact Glenndy Ose to get connected, [gose@oursavioursslc.org](mailto:gose@oursavioursslc.org), or 763-434-6117, ext. 113.

## CONTACT information



### Staff Contact List

Let us know how we can help. While the staff will not be in the office on a regular basis, we will be working at home, checking emails, and checking voicemail remotely. Phone # 763-434-6117

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## Happening in May

### OSLC 5th Grade Recognition

Sunday, May 3, 11:30 a.m.  
Find details at [oursavioursclc.org/home-activities](http://oursavioursclc.org/home-activities).

### Lego Group for All Ages

Sundays, May 3, 12:30 -1:30 p.m.,  
and May 7, 11:30-1:30 p.m.  
Find connection details at  
[oursavioursclc.org/lego-group](http://oursavioursclc.org/lego-group).

### Luke Bible Study with Glennady

Mondays, May 4 and 18, 9:30 a.m.  
Find connection details at  
[oursavioursclc.org/bible-study-and-education/#Morning](http://oursavioursclc.org/bible-study-and-education/#Morning)

### All Church Netflix Parties

Saturdays, May 9 & 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Find connection details at  
[oursavioursclc.org/all-church](http://oursavioursclc.org/all-church).



### Youth Virtual Game Night

May Wednesdays and Thursdays,  
6:00-7:30 p.m. for 6-8th grade;  
7:00-8:30 p.m. for 9th grade-college-  
age. Find connection details at  
[oursavioursclc.org/youth-fellowship](http://oursavioursclc.org/youth-fellowship).

### Under 55 Fellowship Virtual Game Night!

Fri., May 15, 6:00-9:00 p.m., for ages  
25-55. Get connection details at  
[oursavioursclc.org/under-55](http://oursavioursclc.org/under-55).

## Looking for Food Assistance?



### Manna Market

Manna Market is still  
open at 3812 229th Ave  
NW, St. Francis, Fridays, 4:00 -  
7:00 pm. They have opened their  
boundaries to everyone. Just drive  
through, open your trunk, and they  
put food in it.

### North Anoka County Food Shelf (NACE)

Located at:  
18511 Hwy 65 NE  
Suite 200, East Bethel



### Hours are:

- Monday 9:00 a.m.-noon
- Tuesday 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Thursday 8:00-11:00 a.m.

### MUST GO THURSDAYS!

All produce and bakery goods must  
go – between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m.



**Endowment scholarships** are available for undergraduate studies.  
Download an application form at [oursavioursclc.org/forms](http://oursavioursclc.org/forms).